



Superfund Redevelopment Pilots

**Eastland Woolen Mill
Corinna, ME**

EPA's Superfund Redevelopment Initiative (SRI) is a nationally coordinated effort to facilitate the return of Superfund sites to productive use by selecting response actions consistent with anticipated use. The SRI Pilots are intended to help local governments enhance their involvement in the Superfund decision-making process by assisting EPA in predicting future land uses for Superfund sites. Under the Pilot Program, EPA will provide up to \$100,000 in financial assistance and/or services to local governments for specified activities. Applicants are offered several types of program assistance, including funding through a cooperative agreement, access to facilitation services, and/or the availability of personnel under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA).

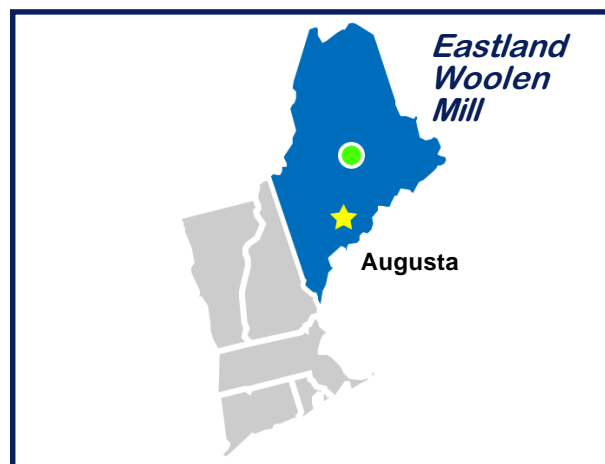
BACKGROUND

EPA selected the City of Corinna, Maine, for a Superfund Redevelopment Pilot. Corinna is home to the Eastland Woolen Mill (EWM) Superfund site. This 21-acre site includes a 250,000 square-foot mill, two dams, and several buildings. EWM produced wool from 1936 until 1996, when it closed. EWM used several chemicals in its wool production process and discharged the chemical-laden wastewater into the East Branch of the Sebasticook River, which flows under the mill. In July 1999, EPA added the site to its list of hazardous waste sites needing cleanup. The site is in an economically disadvantaged community.

OBJECTIVES

The community of Corinna is using EPA's cleanup of EWM as the impetus for rebuilding the city. This will require tearing down structures in the area to provide space for a new Main Street, a permanent river diversion, and a new bridge. The community wants its rebuilt city to be attractive, people-friendly, and functionally versatile. Corinna will use Pilot funds to perform a reuse assessment and develop a reuse plan. The plan will help the community to examine the impact of reusing the site, develop a concept for reuse, determine whether the proposed reuse is compatible with the cleanup, build community consensus on the reuse, and generate a plan of action.

PILOT SNAPSHOT



Applicant Name: Corinna, ME

Site Name: Eastland Woolen Mill

Date of Selection: July 2000

Anticipated Award: Cooperative Agreement
(\$82,500)

Profile: The community will perform a reuse assessment and create a plan for reusing the site.

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